

Thursday, February 24, 2000

Mission STS-99 scores an "A," lands at KSC on second pass



KSC 2000 project status updated on Web

▲ **Shuttle Update:** The Shuttle Endeavour with its crew of six landed safely at KSC on Tuesday after much debate about the weather conditions. Main gear touchdown was at 6:22:23 p.m. EST Feb. 22, landing on orbit 181 of the mission. The crew is returning from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, after mapping more than 47 million square miles of the Earth. This was the 97th flight in the Space Shuttle program and the 14th for Endeavour, also marking the 50th landing at KSC, the 21st consecutive landing at KSC, and the 28th in the last 29 Shuttle flights.



For more photos of the landing, go to the KSC Web site www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/captions/hotpics.htm

▲ **The KSC 2000 Implementation Schedule** and project status have been updated and posted to the KSC 2000 Web site: <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksc2000/weekstat.htm>. Also, check out the latest on the Q and A page at : www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksc2000/qanda.htm. The link to Frequently Asked Questions can be found on that site as

well. *Note: The Communications-CMT will notify employees when significant updates have been made to the KSC 2000 Web site.*

◆ **March is Women's History Month.** The national theme this year is "An Extraordinary Century for Women – Now, Imagine the Future." The Federal Women's Program Working Group (FWPWG) will host a breakfast at the Saturn V Facility at 8 a.m. March 9. The guest speaker for the breakfast will be Ms. Sally Putnam Chapman, who is the step-granddaughter of Amelia Earhart and author of the book *Whistled Like A Bird*. Her grandmother, Dorothy Putnam, was an avid naturalist, socialite and explorer, and the book is based on the family memoirs and her grandmother's diaries. Her grandfather, George Putnam, was a well-known publisher and adventurer. Chapman is a wildlife conservationist and as a member of the Explorers Club has traveled through Nepal, Tibet, western China, Peru and Bolivia. She lives at the family estate of Immokolee in South Florida.

Tickets are \$8.50, available through March 7 in the HQ Bldg. from Jane Eitel, Rm. 3533, Charlotte Becker, Rm. 2643, and EO Office, Rm. 2321; O&C Bldg. from Valerie Franklin, Rm. 2133; SSPF from Jan Corbin, Rm. M036Q; OSB from Sandy Walsh, Rm. 1110A2; Logistics Facility from Connie Dobrin, Rm. 3620I; CCAFS from Peggy Parrish, Hangar I Annex, Rm. 204.

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